

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0013-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0371

APRIL 21, 2000

IN RE: Proceeding to Address Third Party Testing of) ORDER GRANTING
Operational Support Systems of BellSouth) REQUEST FOR
Telecommunications, Inc.) EXTENSION OF TIME
) TO FILE COMMENTS

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of NewSouth Communications for an extension of time in which to file post-proceeding comments.

On March 20, 2000, the Commission conducted an informal proceeding in this Docket regarding third party testing of the Operational Support Systems ("OSS") of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). At the close of the hearing, the Commission provided the opportunity for the parties to submit comments on the proceeding. Thereafter, Staff Counsel, on March 30, 2000, mailed to the parties a memorandum instructing any party desiring to file comments to file the comments no later than April 14, 2000.

By letter dated April 14, 2000, NewSouth Communications ("NewSouth") requested an extension of time in which to file its comments concerning the proceeding in this docket. Counsel for NewSouth states that he either did not receive or misplaced the memorandum concerning when comments were to be filed. Counsel requested an extension until April 19, 2000, in which to file comments. Counsel further assured the

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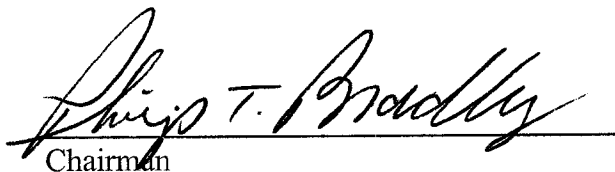
Commission that he would not respond to comments filed by other parties. Staff also informs the Commission that no party has opposed NewSouth's request.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that good cause has been demonstrated to warrant the granting of an extension of time for NewSouth to file comments regarding the informal proceeding on third party testing of the Operational Support Systems of BellSouth. Further, as the comments concern an informal proceeding, the Commission can discern no prejudice to any party from granting the requested extension.

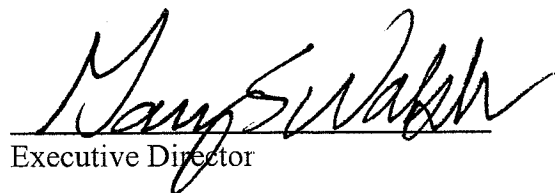
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. NewSouth is granted an extension, until April 19, 2000, in which to file comments regarding the informal proceeding on third party testing of the Operational Support Systems of BellSouth.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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